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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - November 16, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Tyrico Zijuan Tyler, a former teacher at Lemon Grove Middle School, was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by U.S. District Judge Jeffrey T. Miller to serve 24 months in custody and 5 years of supervised release based upon his guilty plea to an Information charging him with one count of possession of child pornography. Tyler entered his guilty plea on June 21, 2007. Judge Miller also ordered Tyler to register as a sex offender.

According to the court documents, Tyler was found to have possessed at least one image on computer media that contained images of a prepubescent female minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct with an adult male.

United States Attorney Hewitt said, "Defendant Tyler was a middle school teacher, which is a position of trust for our children and our community. Tyler has broken this trust by possessing child pornography, a federal felony."

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims of the exploitation. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 07cr1450-JM

TYRICO ZIJUAN TYLER

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section and 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography)

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United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement